

## **LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI ISSUES STATEMENT ON CELEBRATIONS OF PASSOVER AND EASTER**

**SACRAMENTO - "This week, as Jews celebrate Passover and Christians celebrate Easter, let us pause to reflect on those things that bind us together as a people: the common teachings, shared experiences and collective wisdom of these two great traditions.**

"As a people, we cherish freedom and pray for a world free of war, violence and intolerance. We have great hope that the ladder of opportunity is within reach of every child and that our children have good health and access to an education that prepares them for a future of possibilities. We honor our parents and grandparents and yearn for the day when no senior is alone, without food, healthcare or means.

"We look to the day when the teaching of hate and violence and bigotry falls on deaf ears and oppression is replaced by a creed of justice, equality and hope for all humanity. We are committed to ending the despoliation of the earth and seek to create a mindset in which each of us takes responsibility for the stewardship of this magnificent place in which we and our children live.

"We know each of us must lead by example, and so this week of Passover and Easter, let us all strive to create a community of freedom, hope and opportunity; to join together in the fight against hate, cynicism, selfishness and poverty; to live the spirit of the values we espouse."

Note: The Lieutenant Governor will join the congregation of the Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center for its community Seder on Tuesday evening, and he will attend Easter Sunrise Service at Walnut Grove Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

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